

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>DQ 016 PCT/US</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/GB2004/05001</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/578990</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>16 AUG 2004</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>1 MAY 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING PIPE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>SONNEVELD, KRITJEN, DEPONT, SCHATS, DELAAT, VAN RIZZINGEN</b>		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☒ A substitute specification.
16. ☒ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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20. Other items or information: <b>Int'l Search Report for PCT/GB 2004/050001; Invitation To Pay Additional Fees for PCT/GB 2004/ 050001; Verified Certification of Express Mailing Date; written opinion for PCT/GB2004/050001; Extra Set Claims 38-70</b>					
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300				\$ 300	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))					
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 All other situations..... \$200				200	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... \$400 All other situations..... \$500				400	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total claims	32 - 20 =	12	x \$ 50	\$ 600	
Independent claims	9 - 3 =	6	x \$200	\$ 1200	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 2700	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 2700	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 2700	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 2740	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
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- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 2740 to cover the above fees is enclosed. CK # 10578990
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ 2740 to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. **APR 29 2006 PTO 11 MAY 2006**
- c. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- d. ☐ Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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For: Apparatus & Method For Handling Pipe

Int'l App. No: PCT/GB2004/005002

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§ Art Unit:  
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§ Examiner:  
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§ Atty Docket No: DQ 016 PCT/US  
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VERIFIED CERTIFICATION OF EXPRESS MAILING DATE

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Enclosed are: Return Postcard; Transmittal Letter under 35 USC 371; Copy of Int'l Application No. PCT/GB2004/050001; Preliminary Amendment; Extra Set new Claims (38- 70) For PTO Examiner; For PTO Examiner; Power of Attorney; Invitation To Pay Additional Fees in case PCT/GB2004/050001; Recordation Cover Sheet; check No. 5204 for \$ 2740; Assignment and 1 p.; PCT Int'l Search Report, 6 pp.; PCT Written Opinion, 9 pp.; PCT Invitation To Pay Additional Fees, 5 pp.;

I declare and certify that this paper and all items listed above are being deposited with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under § 1001 of Title 18, United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Nationalization of PCT application Serial No. PCT/GB 2004/050001  
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**Retyped Application With Paragraph Numbers & Section Headings**

**With Claims 38-70 from Preliminary Amendment**

**Includes Cross-Reference To Related Applications**

**NO NEW MATTER ADDED**